



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1644

Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2001

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 2, 2002

S. 1644 would establish a new fund for veterans' memorials in the U.S. Treasury and would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to use amounts in the fund for the repair, restoration, upkeep, and maintenance of veterans' memorials. Money for the fund would be provided from appropriated funds, collections from civil fines, donations, and transfers from other sources. The bill also would establish criminal and civil penalties for desecration of veterans' memorials, if committing such acts involve interstate or foreign travel or use of the mail. CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would increase direct spending and revenues, but by an insignificant amount in each year. Because the bill would affect direct spending and receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply.

Because those prosecuted and convicted under the bill could be subject to criminal fines, the government might collect additional fines if this legislation is enacted. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (i.e., revenues), which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and later spent. Any additional collections and spending from enacting S. 1644 would not be significant because of the small number of cases likely to be affected.

S. 1644 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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